

SUBJECT

FY 2017-18 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Authorizing Resolutions

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt two resolutions to enable Long Beach Transit (LBT) to receive funding under the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP):

- 1) A resolution authorizing the President and CEO to execute the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms, along with all subsequent documents for the FY 2017–18 State LCTOP*
- 2) A resolution authorizing the execution of the Route 22 Extension Continuation Project with \$477,576 provided under LCTOP*

BACKGROUND

On March 26, 2018, LBT's Board of Directors adopted two resolutions to enable LBT to receive funding under the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) in the amount of \$465,958 and continue the Route 22 Extension Project.

As a result of the City of La Mirada forfeiting its LCTOP allocation of \$7,959 and the City of Claremont forfeiting its LCTOP allocation of \$3,659, LBT is now eligible to receive a total of \$477,576 under LCTOP. LBT's Board of Directors must re-adopt two resolutions stating the new funding total to enable the agency to receive the additional funding.

As stated in the March 26, 2018 LCTOP Board report, LCTOP is one of several programs that is part of the Transit Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 in Senate Bill (SB) 862. The program is designed to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority of serving designated disadvantaged communities (DAC) as identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) under SB 535.

In 2016, Assembly Bill (AB) 1550 revised investments within DACs requiring administering agencies to allocate: 1) a minimum of 25 percent of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) to be invested in projects that are located within and benefiting individuals living in DACs; 2) a minimum of 5 percent of GGRF to benefit individuals living in low-income communities or benefiting low-income households statewide, and; 3) a minimum of 5 percent benefiting individuals living in low-income communities, or benefiting low-income households, that are within a ½ mile of a DAC.

The LCTOP is funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Cap-and-Trade Program. LBT is eligible to receive \$477,576 under this program for FY 2017–18.

To complete the application process and receive the funds, LBT is required to submit a resolution authorizing the President and CEO, or his/her designee, to act on behalf of the Board of Directors and LBT for the purposes of this program. A resolution is also required to approve the project and project request under LCTOP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



LBT has more than 25.5 million annual boardings across its 100-square-mile service area, covering 13 cities in southeastern Los Angeles County and northwestern Orange County. LBT also connects with a number of transit systems within its service area.

LBT is seeking funding assistance through the FY 2017–18 LCTOP now, in the amount of \$477,576 for the Route 22 Extension Continuation Project. Funding will support the continuation of service implemented in February 2018 under the initial FY 2016–17 LCTOP award. That award provided funds to extend LBT’s Route 22, previously operated from the Transit Gallery in downtown Long Beach to Alondra Boulevard at Downey Avenue in Paramount, an additional 2.2 miles to the Metro Green Line Lakewood Station in Downey.

The extension of Route 22 provides new transportation connections that make transit a viable travel option for customers to connect to Metro’s Green Line station and central eastern section of Long Beach, an area designated by

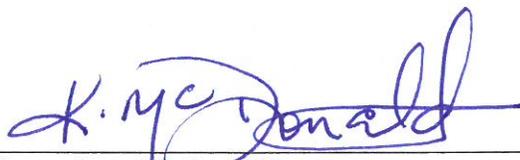
CalePA as a DAC. Moreover, the project provides a direct connection to Metro rail lines, increases access to downtown Los Angeles and job opportunities, contributes to the reduction of automobile usage, delivers a transit option where currently there is none within LBT’s service area and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which is the key goal of LCTOP and CARB’s Cap-and-Trade Program.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolutions. However, staff does not recommend this option as LBT would be unable to apply for these funds.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

The total overall Route 22 Extension Continuation Project is estimated at \$904,371. LCTOP funds in the amount of \$477,576 for this project will be leveraged. The remainder of the project will be funded through Measure M revenues.



Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program for the following project(s):
Route 22 Extension Continuation Project in the amount of \$477,576

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT), is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors; and

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to LBT President and CEO or his/her designee,

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to implement the following LCTOP project listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LBT President and CEO or his/her designee, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP and any Amendments thereto with the Department.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of LBT certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the LBT Board of Directors held on June 25, 2018.

Maricela de Rivera
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date

RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the execution of the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Project:
LBT Route 22 Extension Continuation Project in the amount of \$477,576

WHEREAS, LBT is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors; and

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to implement the LCTOP project listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2017–18 LCTOP funds:

LBT Route 22 Extension Continuation Project in the amount of \$477,576

The LBT Route 22 Extension Continuation Project is seeking LCTOP funding assistance in the amount of \$477,576 to continue the extension of the existing route, within designated disadvantaged communities and low income communities to connect to Metro's Green Line Lakewood Station. The route extension continuation would ensure an important link between Long Beach and the regional connectivity of Metro's Green Line remains.

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